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McKINLEY IS THE WINNER.

Bryan Sends His Congratulations to Major McKinley.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5.—"The fight has just commenced."

Thus spoke William J. Bryan tonight, when asked if he considered that the result of the election had been a serious blow to the cause of bimetalism.

He had just sent a message to Major McKinley, conceding his election and tendering his congratulations.

Mr. Bryan surrendered at 8:20 o'clock. He had just received the signal and responded within the next ten minutes with a telegram to his successful rival. This signal was a brief message from Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, informing him that he did not consider it wise to longer hold the concession of McKinley's election.

The receipt of the telegram created no scene whatever, and one unacquainted with the facts would never have suspected from the surface indications the importance of the occasion, or that the chief actor in the drama had more than a passing interest in it. He handed the telegram to Mrs. Bryan, who was standing near him, and without a word, except to explain the purport of the message, sat down to his desk and penned the following telegram:

"Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5.
"To Hon. Wm. McKinley, Jr., Canton, O.:

"Senator Jones has just informed me that the returns indicate your election, and I hasten to extend my congratulations. We have submitted the issue to the people and their will is law.

(Signed): "W. J. BRYAN."

While writing the message, and after it was completed, Mr. Bryan chatted pleasantly with the newspaper correspondents who surrounded him, indicating by his manner that he felt relieved to have the matter definitely determined, even though the result was against him. He also showed very plainly that Senator Jones' message was no surprise to him, as it had been in his confidence knew he had considered the battle as practically lost ever since the first night after the election. He has, however, felt that it would be both discourteous and unwise to give out any intimation to this effect until the national committee had spoken.

Mr. Bryan had announced that he would later issue an address but he declined to make any statement tonight or submit to any interview, further than to say that the fight for silver had just begun. It is known to be his purpose to devote much of his time in the future to educating the people to the acceptance of his views on the financial question, and it is his intention to sound the keynote in the paper which he will issue tomorrow. He will dwell upon the effects of a single gold standard and will urge the advocates of bimetalism to maintain their organization and use the utmost endeavors in behalf of this cause until it wins at the polls.

Mr. Bryan also declined to outline his future plans or to give his opinion as to the cause which led to his defeat. It is quite certain, however, that he will be tempted by none of the flattering offers which are coming to him to leave Lincoln. He will remain about his home for the next few weeks recuperating, for, while in no way exhausted by the duties of the campaign, he confesses to a feeling of languor as a result of the arduous labor of the past four months. It is also believed that Mr. Bryan thinks that the result of the election has in it much to encourage independence by this country on the question of free coinage of silver.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 5.—Complete unofficial returns from every county in Indiana show McKinley's plurality to be 20,364.

Chairman Parks Martin of the Democratic state committee, said today that returns that had been received at the Democratic headquarters did not include the Populist vote in a good many parts of the state. Asked for his opinion on the result of Indiana, Mr. Martin said:

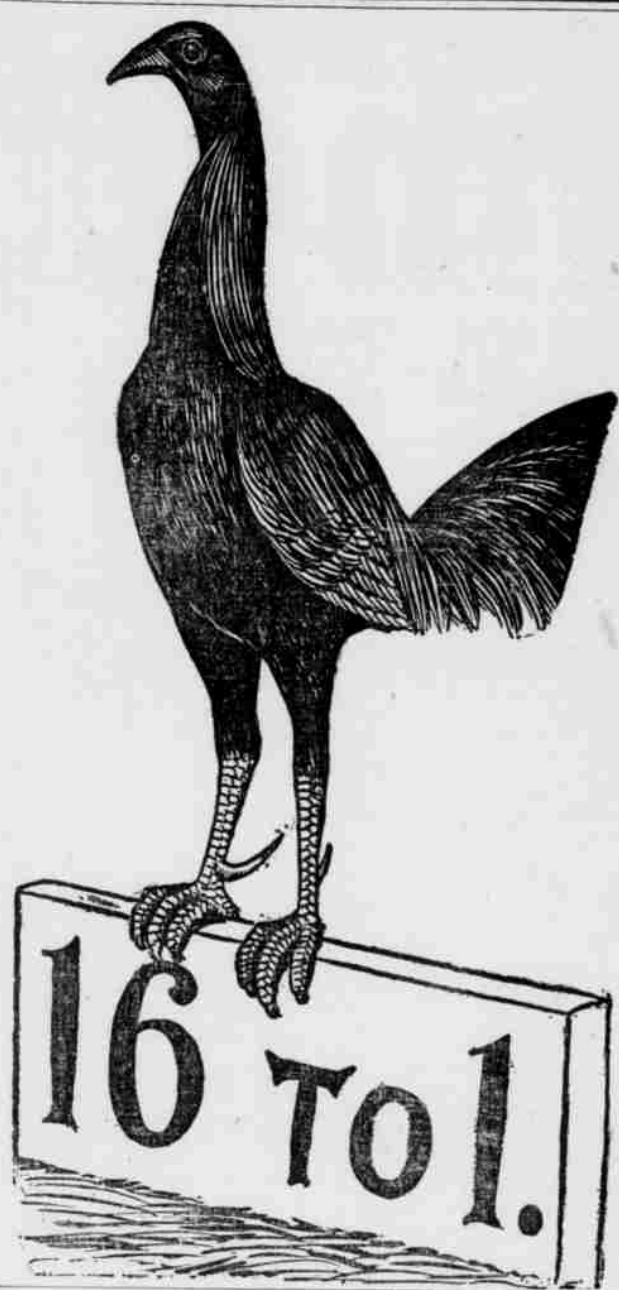
"On the face of the returns the Republicans have carried the state by from 12,000 to 15,000."

Allen W. Clark, who has been the leader of the free silver movement in this state said:

"I think we are gone up."

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 5.—On the face of complete unofficial returns from all but three mountain counties



FOR SALE.

After mature deliberation the VOICE has concluded to offer the above fine cockerel for sale. He is a fine specimen of the 16 to 1 variety—full blood—purchased two weeks ago from the Harper Illustrating Syndicate of Columbus, O., at the sum of 85 cents, besides expressage. His qualities may be judged by his nativity—Ohio turns out nothing but "Napoleons." We would not part with this fine gamester only for the fact that we will have no use for him for four years, and under the "existing gold standard" we cannot afford, in justice to our creditors, to have so much capital locked up. He is the finest chicken in our whole flock, and we regret very much to part with him, but under the gold standard everything has to go. When he has anything to crow for, we will venture there is not another rooster in all New England or Europe that can surpass him, but he caught cold on the 3rd day of November, and is troubled a little with sore throat. We are feeding him on Trichinina Cough Cure, however, and as that is said to be quite infallible, we believe he will be all right in a few days. We could saw his feet off and use him next year and in 1898, but we dislike very much to disfigure him thus. At the price we will offer him he will be a good investment for anyone who has the capital to carry him over till the close of the present century. If it is desired to have a trio, we think they can be had reasonably cheap by making inquiry at the offices of other silver newspapers. Anyone desiring to negotiate for this fine bird will please address The Voice, Wellington, Kansas.

Bryan leads by 1,544. The votes of these three counties last year gave Gov. Bradley 1,864 majority and have been counted on for considerably increased Republican majorities. One precinct in one of these counties has just reported 100 increased majority.

KANSAS.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 5.—Figures on Kansas election are hardly yet, as official returns will not be given out until the state board has canvassed the returns. Conservative estimates give the state ticket to the fusion forces by a majority of 4,000. This figure is made up from majorities in all precincts in the state given by the precinct judges and telegraphed to the Capital here. Republican leaders concede tonight the success of the fusion state ticket by a smaller majority than the above and also concede the state legislature and five of the eight congressmen.

Late complete returns to the Capital tonight show that the Republicans elected Jack Harris to congress from the Second district by 59 votes.

All returns received at Topeka are by majorities.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 5.—There is practically no change in the Kansas election situation this morning. The Republicans seem to have lost everything except two congressmen, Curtis, in the Fourth, and Broderick, in the First, being elected.

MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 5.—Minnesota practically complete with thirty-four counties complete and the remainder of the eighty-one estimated closely gives McKinley 48,812 plurality and Cough for governor 10,115.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 5.—The total vote of Michigan appears to have been in round numbers, 485,000, of which

for governor, Pingree received 275,000; Sleigh increased to 70,300. McKinley is about 16,000 less on account, presumably of the Bryan and Pingree vote, which shows that a considerable element which favored Bryan also voted for him. The legislature is estimated to stand as follows: Senate, 28 Republicans, 6 fusionists; house, 80 Republicans, 25 fusionists.

MONTANA.

Helena, Montana, Nov. 5.—Bryan carries the state by four votes to McKinley's one. The Democratic-Populist state ticket is elected. Hartman, silver, for Congress, is elected, Fusion candidates will control the legislature.

OREGON.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 5.—Partial returns from all but four counties in the state of Washington show that the Bryan electors have carried the state by a plurality close to 10,000. James Hamilton Lewis and W. C. Jones, fusionists are elected congressmen at large. John R. Rogers, fusionist is elected governor over Sullivan, Republican, by 8,000 and the entire fusion state ticket is elected by majorities not far below that of the head of the ticket.

About three-fourths of the vote of the state has been received and shows the following result:

McKinley 24,509; Bryan 39,646.
Congress—Doolittle, Republican, 22,032; Hyde, Republican, 21,706; Lewis, fusion, 20,868; Jones, fusion, 20,140.
Governor—Sullivan, Republican, 24,109; Rogers, fusion, 28,097.

TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 5.—Full returns from 40 out of 69 counties show Bryan has carried the state by about 20,000; also a Democratic gain in the gubernatorial vote of 3,500. Many of the counties to be heard from are Republican. Taylor, for governor, will have a majority perhaps not exceed-

ing 7,000, and may run down lower. The legislature is Democratic and has one negro member. Republicans claim the official count will be required to decide between Taylor and Tillman, candidates for governor.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 5.—A special to the Journal from Yankton, S. D., says the state of South Dakota will go for McKinley by somewhat less than 600. The legislature is fusion by about 20 votes on joint ballot, which means a Populist senator to succeed Kyle, Populist. Andrew Lee, Populist, is elected governor.

WASHINGTON.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 6.—Excepting Klickitat every county in eastern Washington has given a majority for Bryan. Every fusion candidate for the legislature on this side of the Cascade mountains with one exception is elected. The exception is Baker of Klickitat. The average majorities in the different counties are Adams 100, Douglas 300, Whitman 2,000, Kittitas 150, Garfield 94, Columbia 66, Walla Walla 97, Yakima 325, Stevens 1,200, Asotin 300, Okanogan 500, Lincoln 100, Franklin 100, Spokane 2,500.

Mr. Bryan.

Rocky Mountain News.
The campaign just closed has made William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska one of the great figures of the nation.

The dweller by the Atlantic has a comparatively small range of outlook. His survey usually stops at the Alleghenies, and rarely extends beyond the Mississippi. Speaking broadly, he is somewhat insular in prejudices and narrow in his estimate of the men and things lying beyond his vision toward the setting sun. It is as though the American people faced to the East. While the New Yorker looks toward Europe and sees little of his own country, the western man has spread before him the panorama of the nations and becomes equipped to place a just measure upon those who rise up as leaders among the people.

When Mr. Bryan was nominated for the presidency he was not unknown or untried. In the east his name had been heard; in the west it was familiar. In the east those acquainted with politics had knowledge of him as a young member of congress who had made confessedly eloquent speeches upon the tariff and free coinage and who would probably be heard from again. But the east fell far short of appreciating his splendid powers. The west with truer insight, knew him as one destined to achievement. It better comprehended the deep convictions which guided his course, the pure patriotism which burned in his breast, and the genius which raised him above his fellows. And not even the west understood the full grandeur of Mr. Bryan's character, the nobility of his impulses, his dauntless courage and his mastery of the most comprehensive and involved problems of statesmanship. The great man is said to be one able to grapple with and overcome any difficulty that confronts him—a man who is equal to any situation.

In every part of his career Mr. Bryan has been superior to the occasion and the limit of his capacity has not been tested. During the campaign he has seemed to grow. His later speeches have been better and stronger than his earlier ones. He has ripened under an experience such as has fallen to the lot of no other American. Personal contact with millions of his fellow citizens has provided him with an invaluable store of lessons. Men and women have struggled for a touch of his hand. He has seen vast multitudes surge before him like the wave of a troubled sea, and he has seen strong men with tears coursing down their cheeks and with their arms extended to him as to a savior. All the human passions in their extremest tension have played their part before him. We may try to fancy the effect of these things upon a mind such as his, and we cannot but be convinced that they will nerve him to consecrate anew his life to the service of not only the millions who idolize him, but of those other millions who have not yet seen the light of truth, but who are none the less earnest and patriotic Americans.

Of Mr. Bryan's great tour it is not necessary to treat. The qualities of strong and enduring mental and physical manhood which he displayed are known. Four years hence we believe Mr. Bryan will make another tour of the country. It may not be so arduous an undertaking as the one he has just finished, but when he makes it he will again be the standard

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bearer of the united silver forces. The effect of his candidacy has been to increase his stature, not merely among those of the West and South who have been loyal to him and the cause he represents, but also among his adversaries. The uprising of such a man in the heart of the great plains, the revolution in political alignment, the removal of the scepter of Democratic sovereignty from New York to the West have turned the face of the East in this direction. The sneers and slurs of a bigoted press will not avail to prevent a better understanding of the West by the East, and we may expect henceforth a wiser and fuller conception by the people of the East of the earnestness and honesty and power of their brethren of the West and South. The interests of the masses of all sections are identical, and out of turmoil and conflict there must come to those near the salt water the conviction that there are questions to be studied and solved. And from study will grow conversion.

Newt Caldwell went to Eldorado on legal business Saturday morning.

They Give It Up.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 6.—The Republicans have finally given up Kansas, not only conceding the election of the Bryan electors by about 6,000, but giving up the whole state ticket, headed by Leedy, Populist, for governor, by something near 4,000. The Populists also gain the legislature 6 of the 8 congressmen. It is the most disastrous defeat the Republicans of Kansas ever suffered. In former elections since 1880, when they began to meet adversity, they have managed to save something out of the wreck.

Spanish Pleased.

Madrid, Nov. 5.—The newspapers here express satisfaction with the result of the election and hope the policy of Major McKinley will be more prudent than that of Mr. Cleveland.

J. H. Corder received a telegram Wednesday stating that Loyd Smith, Mrs. Corder's father, was dead. He died at Shawnee, O. T. Saturday. Mrs. Corder did not go until Tuesday and was too late to attend the funeral, which was Sunday.